Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for populating a plurality of fields in a find dialog of a spreadsheet program module, the method comprising the steps of:

~~determining~~ choosing a plurality of formatting characteristics of a cell in the spreadsheet;

editing the plurality of fields in the find dialog to correspond to the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell; and

wherein the step of ~~determining~~ choosing the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet is performed in response to moving a cursor over the cell containing said plurality of formatting characteristics and clicking a mouse button to select the cell, whereby in response to selecting the cell the formatting characteristics of the selected cell are determined and applied to the plurality of fields of the find dialog.

3 - 4. (Cancelled)

5.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second shape of the cursor is shaped like an eyedropper.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the plurality of fields in the find dialog comprise a plurality of number fields, a plurality of alignment fields, a plurality of font fields, a plurality of border fields, a plurality of pattern fields and a plurality of protection fields.

7.   (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 6.

8 - 20. (Cancelled)

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein:

the step of ~~determining~~ choosing the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet further comprises selecting an option of choosing the formatting characteristics from a formatted cell in the spreadsheet; and

in response to selecting the option, changing the shape of the cursor from a first shape to a second shape distinct from the first shape,

whereby the distinct second shape denotes to a user that moving the cursor over a cell and clicking the mouse button will determine the formatting characterizes of that cell and apply the ~~attributes~~ formatting characteristics of that cell to the fields of the find dialog.

22.   (New) A computer-implemented method for populating a plurality of fields defining certain formatting characteristics in a find dialog of a spreadsheet program module, the method comprising:

choosing a plurality of formatting characteristics of a formatted cell in the spreadsheet by moving a cursor over the cell and clicking a mouse button to select the cell; and

in response to selecting the cell, determining the formatting characteristics of the selected cell and populating the determined formatting characteristics to the fields in the find dialog.

23.   (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

applying the determined formatting characteristics populated to the find dialog to at least one other cell by selecting the other cell.